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Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the matter of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or transfer control of licenses and authorizations.

As Chairman of the Pennsylvania Senate Communications & Technology Committee, I believe this merger will help deliver wireless broadband access to both the citizens of Pennsylvania and to people across America – including those who have not benefitted from other technologies.

In both my District and throughout our Commonwealth, rural areas have long been on the losing end of the “digital divide”, which has led to some parts of Pennsylvania falling behind the technological curve. Any area that cannot keep pace with the digital revolution will inevitably find huge difficulties in creating and maintaining jobs. That’s why I have worked – and will continue to work – to ensure all Pennsylvanians have the technology resources they need to compete in today’s digital business environment – whether rural or urban.

I believe the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile will help to bring broadband technology to many rural areas of Pennsylvania. After the merger, AT&T plans to cover much of the country with their 4G mobile network, including those who live in more rural areas.

Accordingly, I urge the FCC Commissioners to approve this merger.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Mike Folmer, written in a cursive style.

MIKE FOLMER

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cc: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell